

MERRILL W. SHERMAN, SPECIAL MASTER
50 Holden Street, Suite 200
Providence, RI 02908

September 16, 2013

Judge John J. McConnell, Jr.
U.S. District Court
One Exchange Terrace
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Judge McConnell:

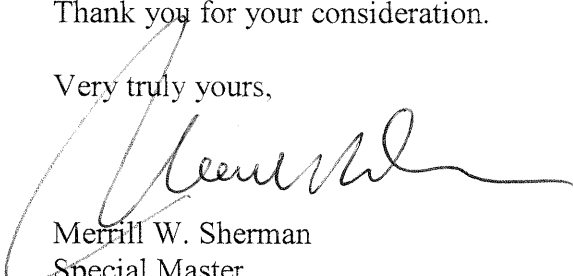
Enclosed please find the Special Master bills for the period from August 1 through August 31, 2013.

I would ask that you please approve these bills.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Merrill W. Sherman
Special Master

Enclosures

Cc: A. Moses, A. Sprague, B. Hurst, L. Simon, L. Devine, D. Sullivan

VIA EMAIL

MERRILL W. SHERMAN, SPECIAL MASTER
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Providence, RI 02908

For Professional Services

John J. McConnell, Jr.,
United States District Court Judge
U.S. District Court
One Exchange Terrace
Providence, RI 02903

Invoice No. 19
Date 09/16/13

For Services Rendered August 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013

Merrill Sherman		\$ 6,936.00
Proxy Management Solutions, Inc. (Barbara Hurst)		18,812.50
Sullivan & Company a division of BlumShapiro		
Permanent Employees and Fees	13,354.90	
Exclusive to RISM Project Employee ¹	<u>17,099.54</u>	
(Please refer to attached detail for all.)		<u>30,454.44</u>
Total Amount Due		<u>\$56,202.94</u>

Entire amount to be payable to Sherman Consulting, LLC (SLC), which will make disbursement(s) as per the above. SLC will be responsible party for tax accounting purposes and issuance of 1099's.

Thank you.

¹ Eric Slingo and Andrew Rodgers are temporary payroll employees of Sullivan & Company a division of BlumShapiro (formerly Sullivan & Company CPAs LLP) and work exclusively on the Mortgage Foreclosure docket.


Rhode Island Special Master
In re: Mortgage Foreclosure Cases

Billing to Court for Period August 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013

DATE	MEMO	RATE	# Hours	Amount
Sherman, Merrill				
1-Aug	Settlement conference: prepare docket overview; meet with attorneys; office conference with E. Slingo; review and respond to emails	300	3.00	900.00
9-Aug	Miscellaneous telephone calls and emails	300	0.50	150.00
13-Aug	Conduct settlement conferences	300	2.50	750.00
14-Aug	Conduct settlement conferences; telephone calls with attorneys; review files, emails and orders; office conference with E. Slingo	300	4.00	1200.00
20-Aug	Conduct Team meeting; review emails, case status, and conference scheduling	300	3.00	900.00
22-Aug	Conduct settlement conferences; prepare statement; office conference with E. Slingo/ telephone call with B. Hurst; review emails and case status	300	5.00	1500.00
27-Aug	Conduct settlement conference; conduct team status meeting; review reports, emails, Order form and status report; telephone conferences; miscellaneous administrative matters	300	2.80	840.00
28-Aug	Conduct settlement conferences and prep therefore	300	2.20	660.00
		300	23.00	6900.00
Parking Fees				
30-Jul		18		
31-Jul		18		36.00
TOTAL CHARGES				6936.00

Proxy Management Solutions, Inc.

PO Box 603018, Providence, RI 02906
Hurst.management@gmail.com

To: Sherman Consulting, LLC
Re: Mortgage Foreclosure Cases 
Invoice –August 2013 -- Services of Barbara Hurst
Date: September 11, 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Services Rendered</u>
8/1/2013	1.5	Review and respond to attorney emails, disbursement orders, review of sanction order
8/2/2013	0.5	Review and respond to attorney emails
8/3/2013	0.75	Review and respond to attorney emails, relief from stay requests
8/5/2013	8.0	Settlement conferences, dismissal order, review and respond to attorney emails
8/6/2013	8.0	Settlement conferences, dismissal order, review and respond to attorney emails
8/7/2013	1.0	Review and respond to attorney emails
8/8/2013	3.5	Settlement conferences, review and respond to attorney emails
8/13/2013	2.75	Review and respond to attorney emails, approve orders, billing issues
8/14/2013	5.0	Meeting with MWS, review & respond to attorney emails, invoice and DB issues
8/15/2013	7.75	Settlement conferences, review & response to attorney emails
8/16/2013	3.25	Settlement conferences
8/20/2013	4.5	Review and respond to attorney emails; staff meeting, meeting with MWS
8/21/2013	3.75	Settlement conferences
8/22/2013	3.0	Review and respond to attorney emails; review of proposed filings; T/conf w/ MSW and ES re MWS filings, receipt of off-docket requests
8/23/2013	1.5	Review and respond to attorney emails; review commercial property and off-docket requests
8/26/2013	3.5	Review and respond to attorney emails; draft commercial property and off-docket filings meeting with Eric; staff meeting agenda
8/27/2013	3.25	Review and respond to attorney emails, staff meeting, settlement conference, review of compliance with Eric
8/28/2013	2.75	Review and respond to attorney emails, retainer compliance, review of orders
8/29/2013	6.0	Review and respond to attorney emails, settlement conferences
8/30/2013	5.0	Settlement conferences
Total:	75.25	@ \$250/hour: \$18,812.50

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

*MERRILL SHERMAN, SPECIAL MASTER
50 HOLDEN ST.
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908*

*Invoice No. 39781
Date 08/31/2013
Client No. 120111*

Services rendered through August 31, 2013, including September 2013 rent. Please refer to attached detail.

Current Amount Due \$ 13,354.90

INVOICES ARE PAYABLE UPON RECEIPT

MERRILL SHERMAN, SPECIAL MASTER
 C/O SHERMAN CONSULTING, LLC
 50 HOLDEN STREET
 PROVIDENCE, RI

Date	Employee	Memo	Hours	Fees
7/16/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer Payments, emailing requested invoice to attorney Voke's legal assistant, adjusting QB account for NSF Check and emailing representing attorney for plaintiff's to submit replacement U & O payments	5.25	
8/1/2013	Devine	posting U & O/Retainer payments, emailing Laura QB reports, updating unit numbers in QB, emailing attorney Dion with NSF Retainer check, answering phone calls from plaintiffs regarding U & O payments received, writing out July expense checks and disbursement checks	5.25	
8/5/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer payments over 350 checks	2.25	
8/6/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer payments over 350 checks	5.25	
8/7/2013	Devine	posting 8/5/2013 U & O/Retainer payments, updating unit numbers in QB, applying U & O payments against invoices for late U & O access upload	5.25	
8/8/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer and writing out disbursement fund checks	3	
8/9/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer payments and bank rec and emailing Laura QB reports	3	
8/14/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer Payments emailing Attorney's regarding NSF U & O Checks, and adjusting accounts for NSF Checks	5.25	
8/15/2013	Devine	Emailing Jan Wainer missing invoices and writing checks for expenses	3	
8/20/2013	Devine	Posting U & O payment, calc. daily deposits, head writing disbursement checks and wkly meeting	5.25	
8/21/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer payments and calc daily deposits	1.5	
8/22/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer payments, Calc daily deposits	1.5	
8/23/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer Payments, emailing wkly QB reports and Calc daily deposits	3	
8/26/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer payments and calc. daily deposits for Kate	3	
8/27/2013	Devine	wkly meeting, posting U & O/Retainer payments, calc daily deposit	5.25	
8/28/2013	Devine	Posting U & O/Retainer payments helping Laura with QB reports	3	
8/30/2013	Devine	posting retainer/U & O payments	1.5	
Employee Total			61.5	\$ 5,535

8/6/2013	Doster	ECF Feed, Appendix A's, QuickBooks Upload	2.5		
8/8/2013	Doster	Appendix A's	0.5		
8/9/2013	Doster	QuickBooks Upload	0.5		
8/19/2013	Doster	ECF Feed, Appendix A's	2		
8/23/2013	Doster	ECF Feed, QuickBooks upload	1		
8/27/2013	Doster	ECF Feed, 6/30/13 Account Reconciliation	6.5		
8/28/2013	Doster	6/30/13 Account Reconciliation	5		
		Employee Total	18	\$	1,980
8/1/2013	Hall	electronically and paper file Appendix As	1.75		
8/2/2013	Hall	electronically file Appendix As; return U&O check with letter to attorney; prepare time M. Sherman time record and draft invoice and cover letter for July billing	2.75		
8/7/2013	Hall	additional prep of July Court bill; continue filing documents	2		
8/9/2013	Hall	continue filing; type revisions to amended May Court billing and send; send July Court billing	3.25		
8/13/2013	Hall	electronically file documents	4.25		
8/14/2013	Hall	hard copy filing; electronically and hard copy file Appendix As	3.5		
8/15/2013	Hall	continue with filing; prep and mail letters to attorneys with ret'd U&O checks re cases dismissed	4		
8/16/2013	Hall	file Appendix As in hard and electronic files; prep and mail letter to attorney re payment from non-plaintiff	0.5		
8/19/2013	Hall	scan signed order and recommendations to network folders	0.75		
8/20/2013	Hall	attend team status meeting	0.5		
8/22/2013	Hall	type letter to Judge with multiple edits and prep for email and regular mail	2		
8/23/2013	Hall	prepare and mail multiples letter	0.5		
8/27/2013	Hall	file Appendix As; attend status meeting; scan and file documents	0.75		
8/28/2013	Hall	mail documents for E. Slingo; scan and file documents	1		
8/30/2013	Hall	record and mail letters for E. Slingo	0.5		
		Employee Total	28	\$	2,156
8/7/2013	Simon	weekly meetings and discussions on status	1.25		
8/20/2013	Simon	weekly meetings and discussions on status	1.25		
8/27/2013	Simon	weekly meetings and discussions on status	1		
8/28/2013	Simon	June reconciliation	1.25		
		Employee Total	4.75	\$	1,045

8/2/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.5	
8/5/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	1.25	
8/6/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.25	
8/7/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.5	
8/8/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.25	
8/13/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.5	
8/15/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.5	
8/16/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.25	
8/19/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.5	
8/20/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	0.5	
8/29/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	1	
8/30/2013	Staples	Batching Checks	1	
Employee Total			<u>7</u>	<u>\$ 539</u>
Monthly Totals				119.25 \$ 11,255.00
Monthly expense reimbursements				\$ 99.90
Monthly fee for Office space & Technology for the month of August 2013.				<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
				<u><u>\$ 13,354.90</u></u>

Merrill Sherman
 Payroll Reimbursement
 July 28th through August 31st Payroll

Employee	Check date	period ending	Amount	tax & W/C charge	Total
Eric Slingo					
	8/8/2013	8/3/2013	2,962.50		
	8/15/2013	8/10/2013	3,000.00		
	8/22/2013	8/17/2013	2,956.50		
	8/29/2013	8/24/2013	3,000.00		
	9/5/2013	8/31/2013	3,000.00		
			<u>14,919.00</u>	1,858.91	\$ 16,777.91
Andrew Rodgers					
	8/29/2013	8/24/2013	187.00		
	9/5/2013	8/31/2013	99.00		
			<u>286.00</u>	35.64	<u>321.64</u>
Total due to Sullivan & Company					<u><u>\$ 17,099.54</u></u>

Weekly Employee Time Sheet

RI Special Master

Employee Name: Eric Singo

Week Starting: 7/28/2013

Day of Week	Time In	Breaks (minutes)	Time Out	Total [h]:mm	Regular [h]:mm	Tasks
Sun 7/28				0:00	0:00	
Mon 7/29	9:30 AM	40	3:30 PM	5:20	5:20	Updated case files. Scheduled conferences. Printed materials for 7/30 conferences.
Tue 7/30	9:00 AM	30	4:15 PM	6:45	6:45	Conferences.
Wed 7/31	8:30 AM	30	7:00 PM	10:00	10:00	Printed materials for conferences. Conferences. Updated case files. Scheduled conferences.
Thu 8/1	9:15 AM	90	8:30 PM	9:45	9:45	Conference call. Updated case files. Drafted supplemental filing. Responded to attorney emails. Followed up on deadlines. Sent out preconference notices/initial position statements. Entered initial position statements into Access. Scheduled conferences. Started order to comply.
Fri 8/2	9:30 AM		5:10 PM	7:40	7:40	Edited/filed supplement to dismissal recommendation. Followed up on deadlines. Started retainers. Phone calls with attorneys.
Sat 8/3				0:00	0:00	

Total [h]:mm 39:30

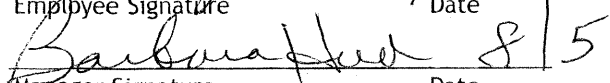
Total Hrs: 39.5

Rate/Hr: 75.00

Total Pay: 2,962.50


Employee Signature

Date


Manager Signature

Date

Grand Total Pay: 2,962.50 ✓

Weekly Employee Time Sheet

RI Special Master

Employee Name: Eric SingoWeek Starting: 8/4/2013

Day of Week	Time In	Breaks (minutes)	Time Out	Total [h]:mm	Regular [h]:mm	Tasks
Sun 8/4				0:00	0:00	
Mon 8/5	9:15 AM	30	6:15 PM	8:30	8:30	Printed conference packets for today's conferences. Conferences. Invoiced retainers. Sent retainer bills to parties. Updated case files.
Tue 8/6	9:45 AM	40	8:30 PM	10:05	10:05	Printed materials for conferences. Conferences. Imported U&O invoices into QB. Drafted recommendations of dismissal for failure to submit Appendix A's. Drafted orders to comply for failure to submit Appendix A's. Drafted recommendations of dismissal for failure to pay retainer fees. Drafted letter to attorney. Recommendation of dismissal for failure to pay U&O.
Wed 8/7	9:30 AM	35	8:00 PM	9:55	9:55	Filed final recommendation of dismissal (Appendix A), recommendations of dismissal for failure to pay retainer fees, recommendations of dismissal for failure to pay U&O. Drafted and filed final recommendations of dismissal for failure to pay re-filing arrearage. Drafted withdrawal of recommendaion. Distributed Appendix A order to comply. Drafted and distributed orders to comply and to produce. Drafted recommendations of dismissal for failure to comply with recent orders. Drafted recommendations of dismissal for failure to appear. Drafted recommendations to remove cases from Special Master's docket. Phone calls with attorneys. Responded to attorney emails. Drafted order to comply (Pre-Conference forms)
Thu 8/8	9:20 AM	45	7:50 PM	9:45	9:45	Responded to emails from attorneys. Filed withdrawal of recommendation. Followed up on past due deadlines with defendants. Printed out materials for conferences. Conferenes. Drafted letters to attorneys. Imported retainer invoices into QB. Drafted letter re U&O disbursement. Updated case files. Distributed order to comply (preconference forms). Scheduled conferences. Phone calls with attorneys. Filed preconference forms and initial position statements.
Fri 8/9	9:15 AM		11:00 AM	1:45	1:45	Retainer issues. Phone calls with attorneys. Updated case files. U&O disbursements.
Sat 8/10				0:00	0:00	

Total [h]:mm 40:00

Total Hrs: 40

Rate/Hr: 75.00

Total Pay: 3,000.00

Employee Signature

Date

Manager Signature

Date

Grand Total Pay: 3,000.00

Weekly Employee Time Sheet

RI Special Master

Employee Name: Eric SingoWeek Starting: 8/11/2013

Day of Week	Time In	Breaks (minutes)	Time Out	Total [h]:mm	Regular [h]:mm	Tasks
Sun 8/11				0:00	0:00	
Mon 8/12				0:00	0:00	
Tue 8/13	8:55 AM	40	8:25 PM	10:50	10:50	Printed out conference forms. Conferences. Phone calls with attorneys. Retainer issues. Followed up on deadlines. Updated case files.
Wed 8/14	9:15 AM		7:25 PM	10:10	10:10	Conferences. Fixed retainer issues. Scheduled conferences. Followed up on deadlines.
Thu 8/15	9:30 AM		8:40 PM	11:10	11:10	Conferences. Updated case files. Drafted recommendations to dismiss. Scheduled conferences. Entered pre-conference forms. Entered initial position statements. Sent out deadline lists.
Fri 8/16	9:15 AM	30	5:00 PM	7:15	7:15	Conferences. Followed up on deadlines. Submitted recommendations to dismiss. Submitted relief from stay. Scheduled conferences. Updated case files. Disbursement checks. Drafted request to disburse U&O funds. Phone calls with attorneys.
Sat 8/17				0:00	0:00	

Total [h]:mm 39:25

Total Hrs: 39.42

Rate/Hr: 75.00

Total Pay: 2,956.50

Employee Signature

Date

Manager Signature

Date

Grand Total Pay:

2,956.50

Weekly Employee Time Sheet

RI Special Master

Employee Name: Eric SingoWeek Starting: 8/18/2013

Day of Week	Time In	Breaks (minutes)	Time Out	Total [h]:mm	Regular [h]:mm	Tasks
Sun 8/18				0:00	0:00	
Mon 8/19	9:15 AM	30	8:25 PM	10:40	10:40	Scheduled conferences. Updated case files. Status report. Followed up on deadlines. Phone calls with attorneys. Drafted final recommendation of dismissal for U&O. Drafted final recommendatino of dismissal for Plaintiff retainers.
Tue 8/20	12:05 PM		5:50 PM	5:45	5:45	Weekly staff meeting. Drafted informational filing. Scheduling.
Wed 8/21	9:30 AM		7:35 PM	10:05	10:05	Printed out materials for conferences. Conferences. Updated case files. Sent out updated deadline lists. Phone calls with attorneys. Scheduled conferences. Drafted letters to attorneys.
Thu 8/22	9:30 AM		6:50 PM	9:20	9:20	Scheduled conferences. Printed out conference packets to today's conferences. Conferences. Drafted letter. Legal research.
Fri 8/23	9:30 AM	75	2:55 PM	4:10	4:10	Updated case files. Phone call with Special Master. Scheduled conferences. Followed up on deadlines.
Sat 8/24				0:00	0:00	

Total [h]:mm 40:00

Total Hrs: 40

Rate/Hr: 75.00

Total Pay: 3,000.00

Employee Signature

Date

Manager Signature

Date

Grand Total Pay: 3,000.00

Weekly Employee Time Sheet

RI Special Master ☐Employee Name: Eric SingoWeek Starting: 8/25/2013 ☐


Day of Week	Time In	Breaks (minutes)	Time Out	Total [h]:mm	Regular [h]:mm	Tasks
Sun 8/25				0:00	0:00	
Mon 8/26	9:25 AM	35	7:25 PM	9:25	9:25	Updated case files. Followed up on deadline. Status of retainer 100 days past due. Phone calls with attorneys. Scheduled conferences. Printed materials for 8/27 conference.
Tue 8/27	9:20 AM		8:25 PM	11:05	11:05	Drafted order re dismissal language. Status report. Printed materials for conference. Team meeting. Conference. Scheduled conferences. U&O checks. Updated case files. U&O disbursements. Filed order re dismissal stip language; commercial property recommendation; and recommendation to remove case from Special Master's docket.
Wed 8/28	9:25 AM		6:20 PM	8:55	8:55	Finalized and filed final recommendation of dismissal. Printed up materials for conferences. Followed up on deadlines. Conferences. Drafted letters to attorneys. U&O disbursements. Drafted recommendation. Updated and filed report. Filed request.
Thu 8/29	9:30 AM	15	7:15 PM	9:30	9:30	Printed out materials for morning conference. Morning conference. Printed out materials for afternoon conferences. Updated case files. Afternoon conferences. Drafted request to disburse U&O funds. Phone calls and emails with attorneys.
Fri 8/30	9:30 AM		10:35 AM	1:05	1:05	Conferences.
Sat 8/31				0:00	0:00	

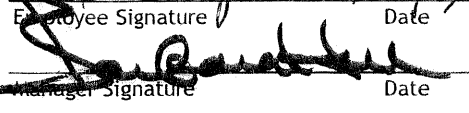
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Total Hrs: 40

Rate/Hr: 75.00

Total Pay: 3,000.00

 8/31/13
 Employee Signature Date

 8/30/13
 Manager Signature Date

Grand Total Pay: 3,000.00 ✓

Weekly Employee Time Sheet

RI Special Master

Employee Name: Andrew RodgersWeek Starting: 8/18/2013

Day of Week	Time In	Breaks (minutes)	Time Out	Total [h]:mm	Regular [h]:mm	Tasks
Sun 8/18				0:00	0:00	
Mon 8/19	9:00 AM		5:30 PM	8:30	8:30	Filed Pre-Conference Forms; Organized lists of overdue retainers.
Tue 8/20				0:00	0:00	
Wed 8/21				0:00	0:00	
Thu 8/22				0:00	0:00	
Fri 8/23				0:00	0:00	
Sat 8/24				0:00	0:00	

Total [h]:mm 8:30

Total Hrs: 8.5

Rate/Hr: 22.00

Total Pay: 187.00

/s Andrew Rodgers 8/23/2013

Employee Signature

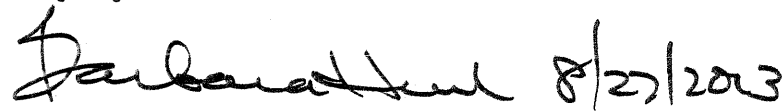
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8/26/13

Manager Signature

Date



Grand Total Pay:

187.00

Weekly Employee Time Sheet

RI Special Master

Employee Name: Andrew Rodgers

Week Starting: 8/25/2013

Day of Week	Time In	Breaks (minutes)	Time Out	Total [h]:mm	Regular Tasks [h]:mm	
Sun 8/25				0:00	0:00	
Mon 8/26				0:00	0:00	
Tue 8/27				0:00	0:00	
Wed 8/28				0:00	0:00	
Thu 8/29				0:00	0:00	
Fri 8/30	8:45 AM		1:15 PM	4:30	4:30	PreConference Forms, Correcting Access records.
Sat 8/31				0:00	0:00	

Total [h]:mm 4:30

Total Hrs: 4.5

Rate/Hr: 22.00

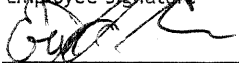
Total Pay: 99.00



Employee Signature

8/30/13

Date



Manager Signature

8/26/13

Date

Grand Total Pay:

99.00